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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Honorable Clifford P. Case
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Case:

Your letter of October 15, 1970 asked for unclassified information and texts in regard to the work of the Katzenbach and Rusk committees which investigated the matter of government and private support to certain private organizations in 1967.

As noted in your letter, on February 15, 1967 President Johnson appointed a committee to review relationships between the Central Intelligence Agency and private American voluntary organizations. The Chairman of the Committee was Under Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach and the other members were Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare John Gardner and CIA Director Richard Helms. The statement by President Johnson on March 29, 1967 accepting that committee's proposed statement of policy, and the text of the report of the Katzenbach committee, are enclosed.

President Johnson's statement of March 29, 1967 included the announcement that he was establishing a special committee with Secretary of State Rusk as Chairman to consider the development of a "public-private mechanism to provide public funds openly for overseas activities of organizations which are adjudged deserving, in the national interest, of public support."

A statement on the implementation of the work of those two committees was made during a Department of State press conference on December 29, 1967 (a transcript of the relevant

part of

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part of that press conference is enclosed). That statement served to wind up the Katzenbach Committee and no further report was issued by the Rusk Committee. There were, of course, many articles in the press on this general subject, especially in 1967.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosures:

Transcript of Press Conference.
President's Statement and
Katzenbach Report.

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